

FIRST THOUGHTS

I heard a story about a young man living during the middle ages who wanted to be a great archer. He kept looking for someone who could teach him the art of the bow and arrow.

His search took him to a lonely road leading into a remote village. As he approached the small town he noticed a tree with an arrow in the middle of a bullseye. Walking farther, he saw another tree with another arrow in the middle of a bullseye. The young man hurriedly entered the village and noticed a third arrow in a bullseye on a fence post.

He learned where the person who had shot the arrows lived and went to his house. The young man knocked on the door and an older gentleman answered.

“Do those arrows in the bullseyes belong to you?” the young man asked. “Yes they do.” The gentleman replied. “Well, can you teach me how to do that!?” “Sure,” the older gentleman replied, “and it’s not that hard.”

The young lad then asked, “How do you do it?” Then the older man answered, “It’s easy. I just shoot the arrow and wherever it lands, I paint a bullseye around it.”

Our church council determined over a month ago to wait to be informed by back to school efforts. As such, we have determined to resume in person Sunday and Wednesday gatherings. However, there are some activities that will not begin on campus at this time.

As you’ve heard me say numerous times, please be where you need to be as it relates to your participation in church gatherings. We will continue live-streaming our worship services.

It’s difficult to lead an organization these days; churches (especially) are no exception. Everyone has an opinion about what needs to be done and disagreements can become contentious. I am pleased that our norm thus far has been to work together and understand the times we are in.

More specifics relating to these additional gathering times will be provided soon. Please know that your staff, council, and I are seeking to be thoughtful and intentional about making decisions. We are not “shooting arrows and painting bullseyes around them.” And, we will review and make changes to our plans as needed.

Let’s remain faithful, walking in the light of Scripture and being sensitive to the work of the Holy Spirit in and through us.

Your Pastor and Friend,
Danny

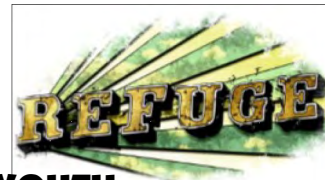


SEPTEMBER SERMON SERIES

Pastor Danny will be preaching on the importance of staying close to Jesus during these challenging times. We will be reminded that Jesus is worthy of our trust and obedience. Christians are part of a long line of “finishers” - so stay encouraged!

Sunday Services:

8:30 a.m. Family Life Center
10:40 a.m. Sanctuary **AND ONLINE**



YOUTH

Grades 6 - 12
Wednesdays
Resumes September 16
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Dinner will be available at no charge in the Youth Room from
5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

RENEW RECOVERY

Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m.

Jaycee Park
You may also participate via Facebook Live on ReNew Recovery of Clinton Page.



• **FBC Kids**

Age 3 - Grade 5
Wednesdays
Resumes September 16
6:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
Dinner will be available at no charge in the FBC Kids Room from **5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.**



Children and Youth will promote to their new Sunday School classes.

Sunday, September 13
9:30 a.m.



The Christian Service Center provides food year round for the needy in our community, and during the holidays the need is especially great. Without your donations for this Holiday Food Box, the CSC simply will not have the funds to assist those in need this Holiday Season.

Important information about this year's Turkey Time:

- We will not be collecting food items.
- We will be accepting monetary donations for Turkey Time. Please mark your envelope "Turkey Time!"
- Did you know that \$25.00 will purchase one, complete, holiday meal?
- We will not be collecting/distributing coats or clothing.
- We will not have a food box assembly night. (Boxes will be assembled by CSC Volunteers.)
- Thanksgiving & Christmas Food Boxes will be distributed as a drive-thru at the CSC (like the regular Tuesday drive-thru).
- Volunteers will be wearing masks and practicing physical distancing measures where possible. The public is encouraged to as well.
- They will serve Clinton Residents with 37716 zip code ONLY from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and beginning at 12:00 p.m. all persons will be served.

Thanksgiving Food Box Distribution
Monday, November 23

Christmas Food Box Distribution
Monday, December 21

- **REQUIRED:** Clients must have Photo ID and either a CSC Punch Card or Piece of Mail with Current Address.

• **Christian Service Center Drive-Thru Hours**
Tuesdays, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Church Parking Lot

• **Corners of Your Field**
is in partnership with the Knoxville Area Rescue Ministry. Clothing donations can be dropped off at the KARM store near you. If you would like for First Baptist Church, Christian Service Center, to receive credit please let them know when you make the donation. We accumulate points for donations and then KARM gives us gift cards to give out when there is an item needed by a client that we may not have available. The C.S.C. clothing area is not open at this time and is not accepting clothing donations until further notice. Thank you!



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS MEMORIAL FLOWERS

9/1 John-Michael Feuer	9/15 Lela Delmonte
9/2 Kevin Barber	9/17 Ruth Stansberry
9/3 Mollie Farrar	9/18 Joseph Card
9/3 Roy Johnson	9/19 Pat Marshall
9/3 David Rhyne	Sylvie Temple
Jerry Smith	Lisa Yates
Levi Smith	9/20 John Cuffman
9/5 Mike Hammons	Jennifer Fraker
Ed Rosenbaum	9/21 Christina McNally
9/6 Jack Green	Joe Roberts
Carol Scarborough	Hunter
9/7 Katie Daugherty	Scarborough
Eric Page	9/22 Sheree Herbst
9/8 Jerry Cloyd	9/23 Suzanne Cardwell
9/9 Larry Gann	Debra Poore
9/10 Anne Williams	9/24 Ernie Bowles
9/11 Al Coleman	Matt Chisholm
9/11 Taylor Foster	Mollie
9/12 Johnathan Sliski	Scarborough
9/13 Erin Lambert	Johnathan Sliski
Robert Baird	9/25 Erin Lambert
Tommy	Max Neal
Carmichael	9/26 Greg Fay
Dee Sanderson	Justin Robinson
9/14 Lynn Denton	9/27 Marilyn Buckner
Austin Robinson	Bill Akers
	Elizabeth Tavenner

The flowers on the Sanctuary altar, Sunday, September 6, are in loving memory of **Bill Howell's** birthday, September 6, given by Dot Howell.

The flowers on the Sanctuary altar, Sunday, September 13, are in loving memory of **Steven Clark's** birthday, which was September 14, given by his mother and stepfather, Ada Ann and Glenn Healey, and his brother, Robert Clark.

W.E.E. MINISTRY



Kindergarteners practice sitting on the WEE Bus! Masks are required while riding the bus from school to WEE.

CHURCH-WIDE BABY SHOWER

honoring Lara Davis (daughter of Sondra & Earl Davis) & Travis Bullington! It's a Boy!
Sunday, September 13
Drop-in 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Family Life Center
We will be practicing social distancing. They are registered at Target. Also, Amazon Gift Cards are appreciated.
Let's Stock the Baby's Library! Instead of a greeting card, please write your well wishes in your favorite Children's Book for baby to cherish forever.



Wednesday Night Bible Study

"Joseph: A Man of Integrity and Forgiveness" Begins September 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Pastor Danny will lead us through a study of the life of Joseph—"a rags to riches (to rags to riches) story."

It is an emotional journey that deals with parenting issues, family drama, jealousy, and betrayal. Ultimately, this account provides a wonderful example of the Providence of God in accomplishing a great purpose for an individual and a nation. Come join us!

FRIENDLY FIGURES

July Financial Summary

Budget Receipts	\$62,659
2020 Receipts/Wkly Avg.	\$17,150
2020 Weekly Budget Req.	\$17,284
Budget Expense	\$65,760
July Deficit/Income	\$(3,101)
2020 Deficit/Income	\$26,609
TOTAL July 31	\$23,508

Thank you for your generous support of our church during this pandemic. You may continue to give online via the church website, by direct mail (P.O. Box 268, Clinton 37717) or by giving in person in the boxes provided. For questions, call the church office 457-9353.

BUSINESS MEETING REPORT

The July Financials and July Minutes were approved. New Committee Members were approved. The resignation of **Meredith Schlandt** from Hostess Committee and **Jo Bowlin** from Bereaved Committee were approved. Church Councils recommendation to add **Gary Bowers** to the Committee on Committees was approved.

BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, September 16
6:00 p.m.
In the Sanctuary

SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATIONS

The Ervin & Freddie Queener Scholarship was presented to **Emily Jane Bigler** and **Mollie Grace Smith** by Larry Gann, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee on Sunday, August 9 in both morning services.



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Bible Presentations & Teacher Dedication

Sunday, September 13
8:30 a.m. & 10:40 a.m.

BIBLES WILL BE PRESENTED TO 1ST GRADERS AND 6TH GRADERS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A SPECIAL DEDICATION PRAYER FOR OUR TEACHERS IN BOTH MORNING SERVICES.

Our Almighty Father is protecting you.
I'm praying you'll feel safe, secure,
and confident in all that you do.

HE WILL SHIELD YOU WITH HIS WINGS! THEY WILL SHELTER YOU.

HIS FAITHFUL PROMISES ARE YOUR ARMOR.

PSALM 91:4 TLB

180th Anniversary

On **Sunday, October 18** during the morning worship services we will recognize FBC's 180th Anniversary. Watch for more information in the October Newsletter.

